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November 1948 to January 19491. Location:

About two miles northwest of the northern edge of the town  
 of SARATOV (45°56' E/51°28'30" N)

2. Area:

6,500 x 6,500 feet.

3. Conditions:

a. The plant was under construction. One workshop.

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660 x 165 x 80 feet was completed. The workshops were iron structures with vaulted, glazed roofs. Five other workshop sheds of this type were under construction. The electrical installations had been fitted in all workshops.

b. [REDACTED] the 25X1  
plant construction was started in the summer of 1948 and the aircraft production could not have begun before the Autumn of 1949. By the Spring of 1950 the plant will presumably be in full operating and manufacturing condition.

4. Labor:

About 300 German PWs and 1,000 Soviet convicts.

5. Work Time:

One day-shift of 10 to 12 hours.

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7. Management: German and Soviet engineers and technicians.

8. Security Measures:

armed police.

June 1945 to October 1947

9. Location:

The plant was between SAATOV and YELSHANKA, close to the west side of the road.

10. Extension:

The plant was about 4 1/2 miles in length and will occupy all the free space between SAATOV and YELSHANKA.

11. [REDACTED]

25,000 convicts worked there.

YELSHANKA,

May 1945 to April 1949

12. Location:

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13. Two to three hundred PWs and 200 civil convicts were employed in housebuilding.

14. Soviets said that a plant, which had been dismantled in Germany, was to be re-erected on the new site. The sites for the houses and the plant proper were already enclosed by barbed wire during the period of construction. The building plots were closely guarded.

February 1948 to March 1949

15. Location:

About 3 3/4 miles northwest of SAATOV, about 2 1/2 miles

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from magneto works No 306, and 3 miles south of the village of YELSHANKA.

16. Area:

About  $1\frac{1}{2}$  x  $1\frac{1}{4}$  miles.

17. Installation of dismantled goods from Hentschel Aircraft Works.

Middle of 1946 to March 1949

18. During the building operations at the northern edge of SARATOV, a large building site was observed. It was located about  $2\frac{3}{4}$  miles northwest of the edge of town and was enclosed by a wooden fence (with barbed wire), about 10 to 14 feet high.

19. Soviets said that a new aircraft plant was to be erected here with machines and other installations coming from the Heinkel Works which had been dismantled in Germany. Only six steel girders were seen which had been erected and were projecting over the fence. The space between two girders was about 115 feet and it seemed to be the steel structure of a workshop shed which would be about 600 feet long.

20. There were no sidings, but they will be built in the future.

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Comment:

a. The new construction of a large plant near Accessories Plant No 306 and the Park School in SARATOV has repeatedly been reported

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b. Previous reports also mentioned dismantled goods from the Hentschel or Heinkel Works which were to be installed in the new plant. However, it would be premature to draw definite conclusions regarding the type of future production. The size of the workshops would indicate the manufacture of large bulky items, (aircraft) rather than the production of armored vehicles.

c. The beginning of the production can hardly be made before 1950.

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